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RESOLUTION 06-017

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January 24, 2006 (for Council Hearing 1/25/06)

I would like to express my **support for RESOLUTION 06-017**, introduced by Council Chair Donovan Dela Cruz. The resolution seeks council approval for a settlement concerning Waimea Valley. While no settlement is ever perfect this one meets the major concerns of all parties concerned: The land owner receives satisfactory payment; Waimea Valley is protected in perpetuity through a conservation easement; ownership of the land returns, in a sense, to the public; and the City pays no more than what was already set aside, and is buffered from potential future liability expenses. It is a win-win-win.

I applaud all involved for stepping forward to find a way to protect Waimea Valley and ensure continued public access. Mahalo to the Honorable Council Members for the roles each has played in moving this issue forward.

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